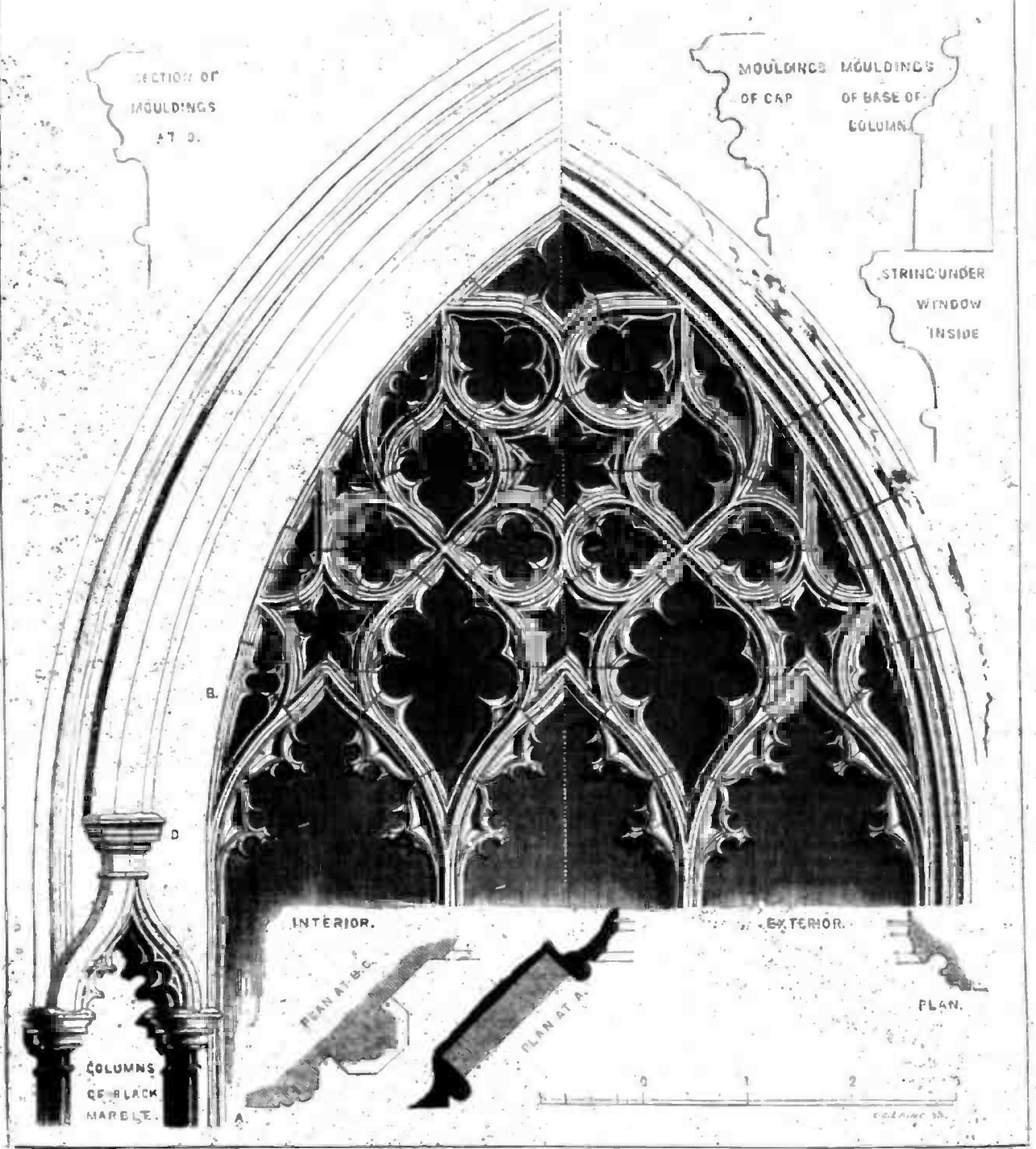
WINDOW FROM EAST SUTTON CHURCH.



EAST SUTTON CHURCH.

In continuation of our notice last week,* the windows at large are now given, with sections of the mouldings.

The side jambs of the great window in the inside have columns, the shafts of which are of the Kentish Bethersden marble; they are finished as shewn on the plan at A, the space between them being filled up with rubble walling: all the details are shewn on the print to a scale three times larger than that of the elevation.

The windows were, in ancient times, filled with painted glass; from the small portion which remains, the glass was of the same date as the window, and of a very superior character: it did not escape destruction during the troubles in the reigns of Charles 1st and 2nd; at that time the manor belonged to the celebrated Sir Robert Filmer, author of the well known work "Patriarcha; or, a Defence of the Natural Power of Kings against the unnatural Liberty of the People."—Sir Robert, as may be supposed, was a special mark for the visits of the roundheads and republicans; his house was several times plundered, and the church adjoining suffered severely from the same visits. Among the papers of Sir Robert (which are all carefully preserved at East Sutton), is one which gives the date of the destruction of the stained glass in the church. Through the kindness of Sir Edmund Filmer, the following account is extracted from a manuscript, supposed to be in the handwriting of Anne, daughter of Martin Hecton, Bishop of Ely, and wife of Sir Robert Filmer:—"July the 27th, 1643. Cornet May came to search East Sutton belfry for arms; there he tore the surplice with his own hands, took away a bible, a service book, and a book of homilies out of the church, and broke the glass window; then went into Sir Robert Filmer's house, where he would not suffer the servants to be in the rooms where he searched, so that the soldiers took divers things, what they pleased, and had the linen off every servant in the house except one."

The windows are at present in very bad repair; they are very much broken, and the tracery is nearly filled with whitewash.

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* See page 562 ante.

NOTES IN LONDON.

The association for the promotion of improved paving, cleansing, and drainage in towns, have obtained permission from the City Authorities to demonstrate, at their own expense, for a period of two months, to what state of perfection the streets may be kept clean by manual labour; the same authorities have granted a similar permission to the company for cleansing the streets by machinery. Operations are to commence on the 1st of December.—The nuisance to which we have so frequently drawn attention, viz., the poisonous effluvia allowed to escape through the gully-holes in our streets, is at length attract-

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